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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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TAGS: EAIR, RO

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 301331

1. COINCIDENTAL WITH RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, MFA REQUESTED MEETING WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT STATUS. SOLE PURPOSE OF MEETING, WHICH TOOK PLACE DECEMBER 19 WITH MR. IONESCU OF THE JURIDICAL DIRECTORATE, WAS TO RECEIVE GOR PROPOSAL THAT, QUOTE, NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE IN BUCHAREST IN LAST PART OF JANUARY BETWEEN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF TWO GOVERNMENTS, END QUOTE. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR PROMISED TO CONVEY THIS PROPOSAL TO DEPARTMENT AND MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS, ON PERSONAL BASIS:

A. USG CONTINUES TO REQUIRE RESPONSE FROM GOR TO OUR JULY LETTER;

B. ESSENTIAL POINT OF JULY LETTER IS THAT HAVING TO DO WITH MANDATORY GENERAL SALES AGENT (GSA) PROVISION;

C. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIRLINE NEGOTIATIONS MAINTAIN HECTIC AND CROWDED SCHEDULE.

IONESCU REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD POSITION OF USG ON GSA AND SAID THAT, OF COURSE, GOR WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS IT.

2. COMMENT. FOR REASONS WHICH ARE NOT EVIDENT TO EMBASSY,  
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GOR APPEARS TO BE PLAYING CAT AND MOUSE GAME ON THIS ISSUE. DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO FORCE GOR RESPONSE TO JULY LETTER, MOST ESPECIALLY GSA PROVISION, GOR HAS SO FAR REFUSED TO COMPLY. WHILE WE CAN, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS ISSUE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO GOR PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS AT EXPERT LEVEL. IF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL IN BUCHAREST FOR

SCHEDULING REASONS, ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO PROPOSE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. END COMMENT.  
AGGREY

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